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Amendments To The Specification:

On page 1, please delete the title beginning at line 1, and replace it with the following:

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING RESOURCE CONTENTION IN
PARALLEL DATA BACKUP PROCESSES

On page 1, please delete the paragraph header beginning at line 4, and replace it with the following:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, please delete the paragraph header beginning at line 8, and replace it with the following:

DISCUSSION OF THE RELATED ART

On page 6, please delete the paragraph header beginning at line 28, and replace it with the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 8, please delete the paragraph header beginning at line 6, and replace it with the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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On page 9, please delete the paragraph header beginning at line 6, and replace it with the following:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

On page 33, please delete the paragraph header beginning at line 1, and replace it with the following:

CLAIMS

On page 43, please delete the paragraph header beginning at line 1, and replace it with the following:

ABSTRACT